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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s):

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For:

METHOD OF PROCESSING SPECIMENS, AND

APPARATUS THEREFOR AND A METHOD OF

MANUFACTURE OF A MAGNETIC HEAD

Group:

1746

Examiner:

A. Olsen

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

February 27, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 29, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 9-11 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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